

HOUSE RESOLUTION 266  
By Rhinehart

A RESOLUTION to honor Representative J.B. Napier for his years of outstanding service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those colleagues who during their tenure in the General Assembly have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose professionalism and competence will serve as a benchmark for future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Representative J.B. Napier has been a great presence on Capitol Hill for fourteen years, beginning with the 93rd General Assembly in 1983; his illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment of the 1996 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, serving Maury County with integrity and probity, Representative Napier has distinguished himself as a highly respected leader and an effective public servant; and

WHEREAS, Representative Napier served the Commerce, Conservation and Environment, and Transportation committees with peerless distinction during his tenure; he gave unreservedly of his time and talents as secretary of the Transportation Committee and most recently as chairman of the Conservation and Environment Committee; and

WHEREAS, born in Columbia, Tennessee, the son of John B. and Connie Crews Napier, J.B. Napier grew up in Maury County, where he was educated in the public schools; he attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and served valiantly in the Korean War with the United States Marine Corps, achieving the rank of master sergeant; and

WHEREAS, residing in Columbia, Representative Napier is a successful farmer and cattle breeder and an astute businessman; he has devoted much of his exemplary life to community service as a Kiwanian, Mason and Shriner and former Maury County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Representative Napier has also been a member and officer of a number of other worthy organizations including the Maury County Mental Health Board, the American Legion, the Farm Bureau, the National Association of Conservation Districts, the Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts, the Tennessee Pest Control Association and the Central Basin Angus Association; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Napier has enjoyed the love and support of his wife of 44 years, the former Shirley Thompson, and their four children, Tim, Stan, Steve and Millie; and

WHEREAS, for fourteen years Representative Napier has provided this General Assembly with wisdom, insight, integrity and leadership that will seldom be equaled, never surpassed, and, without question, he will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous contributions to the good of our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Representative J.B. Napier for his exemplary service to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career as a member of this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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